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For: SYNTHETIC PAPER
MADE OF STRETCHED
POLYPROPYLENE FILM
Dated: September 17, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 21-26 without prejudice, amend Claims 1 and 3 as follows and introduce Claim 27:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date September 17, 1999 an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EL058202942US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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1. (Amended) A synthetic paper which comprises a film obtained by oxidizing the surface of a film obtained by stretching a resin film comprising as the base material a resin composition comprising

100 parts by weight of resin components comprising

component A: a polypropylene resin 55-90 wt%

component B: a polyetheresteramide containing aromatic rings which is derived from

component; b1: a polyamide having a number-average molecular weight of from 200 to 5,000 and containing a carboxyl group at each end

component b2: an alkaline oxide adduct of bisphenol having a number-average molecular weight of from 300 to 5,000

5-40 wt%

component C: a polyamide resin 3-20 wt%

and

component D: at least one modified low-molecular weight polypropylene selected from the following components d1 to d3

1-20 wt%

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component d1: an acid modified low-molecular weight polypropylene having a number-average molecular weight of from 800 to 25,000 and an acid value of from 5 to 150,

component d2: a hydroxy modified low-molecular weight polypropylene having a number-average molecular weight of from 800 to 25,000 and a hydroxyl value of from 5 to 150,

component d3: an ester modified low-molecular weight polypropylene obtained by partly or wholly esterifying component d1 with a polyoxyalkylene compound and having a number-average molecular weight of from 1,000 to 28,000, the total amount of all resin components being 100 wt%,

and

from 10 to 250 parts by weight of

component E: fine inorganic particles,

said stretching being conducted at a temperature lower than the melting point of the polypropylene resin as component A,

said stretching and oxidation of said stretched film generating ultrafine cracks on a surface of
said stretched film through which component B as permanent antistatic agent appears. *and Possessing Gloss of 60% or below*

3. (Amended) [The] A synthetic paper [as claimed in claim 1,] which comprises a film obtained by oxidizing the surface of a film obtained by stretching a resin film comprising as the base material a resin composition comprising

100 parts by weight of resin components comprising

component A: polypropylene resin 55-90 wt%

component B: a polyetheresteramide containing aromatic rings which is derived from

component b1: a polyamide having a number-average molecular weight of from 200 to 5,000 and containing a carboxyl group at each end

component b2: an alkaline oxide adduct of bisphenol having a number-average molecular weight of from 300 to 5,000

5-40 wt%

component C: a polyamide resin 3-20 wt%

and

component D: at least one modified low-molecular weight polypropylene selected from the following components d1 to d3

1-20 wt%

component d1: an acid modified low-molecular weight polypropylene having
a number average molecular weight of from 800 to 25,000
and an acid value of from 5 to 150,

component d2: a hydroxy modified low-molecular weight polypropylene
having a number-average molecular weight of from 800 to
25,000 and a hydroxyl value of from 5 to 150,

component d3: an ester modified low-molecular weight polypropylene
obtained by partly or wholly esterifying component d1 with a
polyoxalkylene compound and having a number-average
molecular weight of from 1,000 to 28,000.

the total amount of all resin components being 100 wt%,

and

from 10 to 250 parts by weight of

component E: fine inorganic particles,

said stretching being conducted at a temperature lower than

the melting point of the polypropylene resin as component A,

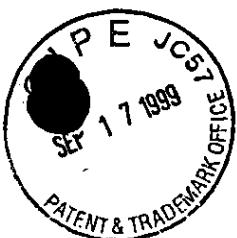
wherein the stretched resin film has a void content as

calculated using the following equation (1) of from 10 to 60%

$$\text{Void content (\%)} = \frac{\rho^o - \rho}{\rho^o} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

ρ^o : density of the unstretched film

ρ : density of the stretched film.



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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08 / 855,905 ,
filed on 5/14/97 , entitled SYNTHETIC PAPER MADE OF STRETCHED

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

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1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)(4)

a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.

5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

a. PTO-1449

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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) or (l))	2 -3** =	0	x \$ 78.00 =	0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))			+ \$ 0.00 =	0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)	\$760.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$778.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28).				
	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.			TOTAL =	\$778.00

6. Small entity status:

- a. A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 04 - 1121:

- a. Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- c. Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.

8. A check in the amount of \$ \$778.00 is enclosed.9. New Attorney Docket Number, if desired*[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]*10. a. Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)b. Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)11. Other: Petition for a one month extension of time (in triplicate). Experiments 1 & 2 (6 pgs).

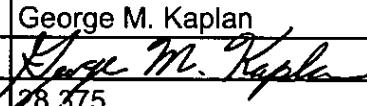
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